

## MOST DARING ROBBERY.

The Platte, Colo. Bank Is Dynamited and Robbed by Experts.

THEY GET AWAY WITH \$19,442.30. CASH.

It Is Believed There Were Six of the Robbers, but There Is No Clue—A Shooting at a Dance at Beralk, Bowle County.

PLATTE, Colo., Dec. 11.—Saturday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock the Platte bank, one of the most famous banks in the state, was dynamited and robbed. The first indication of the robbery was when Bookkeeper Wallace Huggins and Cashier J. C. Jasper arrived about 7:30 a. m. for the purpose of opening up for the day's business. They were surprised to find the door of the vault open, the combination broken, and the vault empty. An inspection of the inside of the vault revealed the fact that the safe had been blown to pieces with dynamite. A piece of the fuse eighteen inches long with a cap on the end was found on the floor. Papers and money were scattered pell-mell all over the floor of the vault. A dark lantern was placed on a shelf, and one of the bank lamps was found on what was left of the safe. The safe had been overthrown by the use of a jack-screw, which was afterward found in a lumber yard about 200 yards from the scene of the robbery, and the floor was literally covered with tools taken for the purpose from the blacksmith shop of W. T. Richardson. The robbers were evidently artists in their peculiar line. Entrance was effected at the rear door. Several pieces of glass lying upon the iron rafters of the vault and over removed and laid where they could not add to the noise of the explosion. The capital of the bank is \$50,000, with \$10,000 surplus, and according to Cashier Jasper there was on hand at the close of business Friday in round numbers \$24,000. There was visible from outside the railing Saturday morning about \$1,500 in gold and \$2500 in silver. There was also some currency overlooked, but just how much cannot be said, as the bank officials decline to give exact information beyond the statement that the robbery in no way affects the solvency of the bank and its ability to meet promptly all demands. It is thought that there were six of the robbers, but there is no clue.

### Burned to Death.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 9.—If death could have any added horrors from pain and loneliness it would be hard to conceive how they could be added to the horror that was developed at the Texas brewery yesterday morning. Thomas W. Angell, a young man was engaged in painting the inside of a tank on the fifth floor of the main brewery building. His burned and disfigured body was found at the bottom of the tank. His absence was noted and Brewmaster Walters remembering Angell had not been seen since Thursday noon instituted search and in the tank on the fifth story the body was found. The story of the tragedy is that his oil and paint saturated clothing took fire from the torch used in lighting the dark interior of the mammoth tank and before he could escape the flames killed him. He was painting the interior of the tank with water-proof paint, and that this might be done the water had been drawn off. Possibly from the gases generated, or by accidental contact of the open light with his inflammable clothing, the fire started. The man was horribly burned about the face, hands and body. Some of the clothing was torn off in the death struggles and his hands were clenched in the waist-band of his overalls as if his last effort was to tear the burning clothing from his body.

### Frightful Death.

LONGVIEW, Tex., Dec. 7.—Little Henry Horton was standing in front of the cattle chute while the cars passed. A boarding car, which is much wider and broader than other cars which pass the chute, caught the boy's head and rolled it the entire length of the structure, eighteen feet, grinding his blood, hair, teeth and bones in the rough planks. Henry was only 10 years. His younger brother was the only witness to the accident.

### Shot at a Dance.

DEKALE, Tex., Dec. 11.—Friday night the negroes had a dance at Tom Taylor's, colored, living at this place. Bowle county, which went along merrily until about 11 o'clock, when one of the guests pulled out his pistol and shot John Mack, from Bonham. He will die. All colored.

### A Terrible Fire.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 6.—Last night at 11 o'clock fire was discovered in the stables of the Consolidated Street Railway company, on Main street, in East Dallas. The building was of wood and contained a mass of hay. It helped the blaze

along, as did the hay inside. There were but few persons around and they did what they could but their puny efforts availed nothing. A general alarm was turned in and the fire companies were on the ground in a few minutes. With the inflammable character of the building and contents, and with the wind in addition, the department could do little. Five streams were at once turned on the stables, from front, rear and sides, but the firemen might just as well have been trying to smother the fires of the hereafter. It was known that inside the stables were a large number of mules. Several men tried to go to the rescue of these animals, but the intense heat drove them back, and through the thick, rolling clouds of smoke it was impossible to see three feet ahead of you. One man did succeed in withdrawing the horse, and, groping his way around, he saved three of the mules, but six were roasted to death. It was a sickening thing. The beasts heaved and uttered the most piteous and appealing cries as the flames slowly consumed them. The odor from the great barbecue was nauseating. Many a man, hearing the poor animals braying, tried to rush through the impenetrable wall of fire and clouds of smoke and had to fall back. The buildings in the rear of the stables on Elm street and the frame structures to the west of them on Main street had caught fire in the meantime and were burning right along. The department, fighting at great odds, accomplished wonderful things. They stood in the thick of the fire from beginning to end and never faltered. It is impossible to give a complete list of the losses and insurance at this time. Dallas Consolidated Street Railway company's stables, 11 motor cars, 14 mule cars, 15 cars for repair and 60 head of mules, 250 bales of hay, tools, appliances, etc., about \$17,000; insurance, \$12,500. Patsy Connelly, saloon, building and contents, \$3000; insurance, \$2500. Mrs. Kelley's boarding house and contents, \$5000; insurance, \$3500; a meat market kept by a man whose name could not be learned, \$1500; insurance, \$1000. On Elm street there were four frame buildings destroyed valued at \$6000, with an estimated insurance of \$4000. There was a butcher shop, two were grocery stores and one was a house owned by Mrs. Connelly. In addition to this the wires of the Dallas Electric company were damaged \$250. The total loss is in the neighborhood of \$35,000 with insurance amounting to \$20,000. There were no persons injured though some of the boarders escaped with only their clothing and what they could carry in their hands.

### Newspaper Man Robbed.

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 7.—R. L. Jennings, a newspaper man of this city, left here November 23 on a visit to friends and business acquaintances in Mississippi and Georgia. Before leaving he expressed \$2100 to Rome, Ga. On the train his hand satchel, containing the express receipt, letters and other property was stolen. The thief beat Mr. Jennings to Rome, drew the money and left for parts unknown. Detectives are working on the case. Mr. Jennings has returned home.

### Died in His Wife's Arms.

SUBMER, Tex., Dec. 8.—In the hospital of the prison yesterday Daniel Healy died with his head resting on the arm of his wife, who has stood vigil at his bedside since his serious illness. The deceased was charged with the murder of old man J. R. Lambert in the Preston Bend country in the spring of 1892. He was about 45 years of age and was childless. He was formerly in the railroad service at Denison, where his body was taken for burial.

### Found Dead.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 8.—At an early hour yesterday morning the yardmaster of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas entered the pumping house and discovered William Brown, the pumpman, dead in his bed. There were no traces of pain on the dead man's face, and everything indicated that after getting the pump in good order for the night he retired and died while asleep without a struggle, probably from heart disease. For years William Brown has run the engine.

### Leg Crushed.

ITASCA, Tex., Dec. 8.—K. B. Upchurch was run over on the switch track yesterday evening by a north-bound freight. His leg was crushed from the foot to above the knee. Amputation was necessary. Mr. Upchurch had just had his life insured for \$10,000.

### Mad Dog Bite.

CORPUS, Tex., Dec. 9.—In the neighborhood of Kingwillow, ten miles northwest of here, the little son of D. S. Price and the son of Allen Hightower were bitten by a rabid dog. The boys were carried to madstones. The stones stuck to both boys.

### All Wagon Hanged.

COLD SPRING, Tex., Dec. 9.—All Watson, colored, was hanged here yesterday for the murder of his sweet heart. He died without a struggle, saying he got justice.

## OUTLINE OF THE WEEK.

The Torrey Bankruptcy Bill Having Been Killed, the House Is at Sea.

UNITED STATES SENATORS FEAR A BOMB.

Doing in the French Episode, Hence Every Precaution Is Being Taken—Government Surveying Corps Called In—The Cotton Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The sudden collapse of the bankruptcy bill in the house yesterday has somewhat disorganized the programming for the coming week, which, it was supposed, would be almost entirely devoted to that subject. As it is the house will begin today with no definite work in view. The tariff bill will not come up until to-day week. The admission of Utah, which was scheduled for the morning hour Friday, again comes up during the morning hour to-day. Republicans will probably continue their filibustering programme, and at the conclusion of the morning hour the privilege of the bill will end and it will return to its place on the calendar.

### Government Surveying.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Almost all of the field work of the geological survey has been abandoned, and the work is now confined mainly to the south. The temporary field assistance, of which there have been 200 in round numbers, have been discharged. The scientists permanently employed by the bureau are gathering in the city, preparing the reports on the work done during the past summer. During the summer field parties were scattered over the United States, with the greatest proportion in the west. Some of the field work is in progress in California, and probably these parties will remain at that work in that state during the winter. Active field work will be resumed by the survey early in the spring of next year.

### Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The decision of the ways and means committee not to take up the tariff bill in committee until Monday leaves the time of its being reported to the house in great doubt. When the committee takes it up Monday there will be a general discussion of its provisions, and the Republicans may decide to offer amendments. The Democrats of the committee have been consulting, and while no agreement was reached, there seems to be an understanding that the bill, even if reported before the holidays, will not be called up for discussion until after the holiday recess. The Republicans will probably have several meetings between now and Monday to consider what action they will take.

### Hawaiian Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Mr. Hitt of Illinois, ex-chairman of the foreign affairs committee, introduced two resolutions yesterday bearing on the Hawaiian policy of the government, the first calling for papers in the case and the second declaring it the sense of the house that intervention by the United States in the affairs of a friendly recognized government to disturb or overthrow it and substitute a monarchy therefor is contrary to the policy and traditions of the republic and the spirit of the constitution.

### Senators Shred.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Officials of the United States senate are taking every precaution to prevent an attack from the galleries similar to that in the French chamber on last Saturday. No person will be permitted to enter the galleries carrying any sort of extra package, and suspicious looking characters will be closely scrutinized when about the senate chamber or in the corridors.

### Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The appropriation bills prepared by the subcommittee during the recess have not been submitted to the full committee. Chairman Sayers says the appropriation committee is waiting for the ways and means committee and indicated that appropriations might be governed by the deficit the ways and means committee would make.

### Pension Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—In the senate yesterday morning Voorhees introduced a bill declaring pensions a vested right and regulating the suspension of pensions, granting appeals to the supreme court of the District of Columbia; also a bill defining sundry crimes against the United States in the administration of the pension laws.

### The Cotton Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A favorable report on the bill to refund the cotton tax collected during the period between 1864 and 1869, amounting to \$28,074,388, has been ordered by the judiciary committee, and it is the ardent desire of southern members that it receive consideration this week.

### "Dime Sam" Says Not.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Acting Sec-

retary Curtis of the treasury department has intimated very plainly that the government would interfere should any attempt be made to give practical effect to the suggestion of Gov. Waite of Colorado that Colorado make silver a legal tender and provide for its free coinage at a state mint. Mr. Curtis said that Gov. Waite knew very well that the United States alone has the right to coin money and that coinage by the state would be contrary to the constitution. The attorney general, he added, would be asked for advice as to the proper course to take should occasion require action, which he did not think would be needed.

### Utah and Statehood.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—There was a faint effort made by the Democrats in the house yesterday to admit Utah as a state. The bill from the committee on territories, reported favorably by Kilgore as one of the committee, was called up in what is known as the morning hour. The Republicans beat it onto filibuster. As usual the Democrats had no quorum and the Republicans had an easy task. They filibustered out the morning hour and the bill had to go over. A rather remarkable incident was connected with this. Just about the time the morning hour expired and the Republicans were victorious, a delegation of Utah Republicans appeared upon the scene as advocates of admission of the territory. They called out Mr. Reed and informed him that the Republicans of the house must not oppose such admission.

### State Bank Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The following is the outline of the report made by the subcommittee to the full committee on banking and currency yesterday for a bill to repeal the 10 per cent tax on state banks:

Section 1. The tax of 10 per cent against bank notes, etc., paid out and as currency is repealed.

Sec. 2. Except as below provided, no state bank notes, etc., will be paid out and used as currency outside of the state of their issue, except subject to a penalty of 10 per cent each time paid out.

It is not expected that this penalty will be generally collected.

Sec. 3. State bank notes may be paid out and used as currency outside of state issue on compliance with certain conditions providing for their redemption, etc.

### In the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—During the morning hour yesterday a resolution authorizing additional clerical force for the house aroused some opposition from Messrs. Sayers and Kilgore and Cannon of Illinois took occasion to chide and reproach the Democratic side with backsliding in its pledges of retrenchment and reform. The resolution, however, passed. Upon the announcement of the expiration of the morning hour the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole for further consideration of the bankruptcy bill. Representative Bailey of Texas, in charge of the opposition, antagonized it.

### Causes of Depression.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Senator Puffer stated yesterday that his subcommittee, which has been investigating the depression in the food-producing industries, had completed its work. Discussing the report to be made, he said that speculation and our financial legislation were the general causes of depression. Mr. Puffer says the committee will make recommendations as to the remedies for the existing evils, but he is not prepared to say what these recommendations will be until the report is submitted to the full committee, which will be done soon after the Christmas holidays.

### In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The senate met at noon yesterday with a very light attendance. A motion by Mr. Gorman, [dem.] of Maryland, that when the senate adjourned it be to meet on Monday next, was agreed to. Mr. Hill [dem.] of New York gave notice that on Monday next, immediately after the conclusion of the running business, he would move to open for consideration the bill to repeal the federal election law reported from the committee on judiciary. Several minor bills were passed in executive session. Adjourned till Monday.

### Bankruptcy Bill Killed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Torrey bankruptcy bill met its death yesterday and it might be called an unexpected and instantaneous one, for the friends of the measure had high hopes of its passage and its enemies were not at all confident of its defeat. It is said on all sides that the bill was killed by the Texans, and the blame from the one side and the credit from the other is given to Kilgore, Culbertson and Bailey, share and share alike.

### Don't Say Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The subcommittee of the house banking and currency committee has agreed to report favorably the bill allowing national banks to issue circulating notes to the full amount of the bonds deposited to secure circulation.

## A BLIND TIGER'S DECOY.

A Fortunate Hunter Hunts Over the Terror of the Jungle.

The greatest Jhoot demon, described by Colonel Downing, in his narrative of adventures in India, was a tiger whose ways were as mysterious as his ravages were terrible. He could never be bagged. He killed every shikari, native or European who tried it. This truculent beast had never even been seen, and as he never mangled a body, but only sucked the blood through an orifice made over the jugular vein, the terror the great Jhoot demon inspired is not surprising. He never forced a door, yet he got into houses after house. Two subalterns went out after him and the next day were found dead like the rest.

One with his last strength had managed to scratch the words, "Look out the door!" But no amount of conjecture could solve the riddle of those words. A famous shot, who was for a season shot 100 tigers in twelve months, met the same fate. He, too, left a "creepy" and mysterious message—the letters "A. M." Then the colonel goes. He built himself an ambush and watched.

Just as the full light of the moon fell upon the stream and illuminated the surroundings there was an almost inaudible rustle of leaves behind me, and turning on the instant I saw a little grey-brown paw cautiously putting aside the twigs of my shelter, and behind the paw I could discern two small green eyes attentively regarding me.

"A lungoor," I said to myself as it vanished from view—a monkey. "That's what the lais and Dick Culbertson meant to tell us, and by George! there's mischief here." Moved by a sudden inspiration, for which I cannot to this day account, I hastened from the shelter and ascended the adjoining tree. I had scarcely time to seat myself comfortably upon one of the lower branches when I saw the lungoor returning, followed by the most repulsive looking monster my eyes have ever beheld.

"You talk, Snapper, of your tiger being mangled; this one was absolutely naked, naked as a nut, bald as a bottle, not a hair anywhere—a huge, ghastly, glabrous monstrosity—a very Caliban of tigers, as big as a bison and as large as a crocodile."

As the ghastly creature crept after the monkey he followed the slightest curve and deviation of his guide with the delicate alacrity of a needle under the influence of a magnet. The adroitness displayed by the tiger was suddenly converted into a subject of horrified wonder, for as the brute approached the ambush he turned his face up to the moon, and I could see that his eyes were of a dull, dead white, without light intelligence or movement. The creature was stone blind. For all that he evidently knew, or thought he knew, what lay before him, for the saliva of anticipation was clinging to his wrinkled jaws like a mass of gleaming icicles.

"The monkey, when he had come within jumping distance, gave a low signal cry, made one vigorous spring into my late shelter, alighting upon my camp-stool and sprang out again on the other side. He was instantly followed by the tiger, who fell like an avalanche upon the stool, crushing it to match wood, and at once began to feel about on all sides for his expected victim."

"Now was my chance. Beneath me in the broad light of the full moon lay the demon of the Jhoot. I aimed steadily at a deep furrow between the shoulder blades and held my breath for the shot. At that moment the keen eye of the monkey caught sight of me, and the little animal uttered a shrill note of warning; but it was too late; my finger was upon the trigger, and I fired both barrels in quick succession."

### A Groom's Feud.

A bride tells of a difficult moment of her recent wedding trip. A few days of it were spent with an uncle of hers, very deaf and very pious. When they sat down to dinner on the night of their arrival, with a considerable company of relatives assembled to do them honor, the uncle exploded a bombshell by asking the groom to say grace. Much embarrassed, as he was phantasmagorized to officiating in this way, he leaned forward, murmuring a request to be excused. Whereupon the uncle, watching him, only waited until his lips stopped moving to utter a sonorous "Amen!" in response. It is hardly necessary to add that not only did the blessing for that meal go unsaid, but also that the effort of everybody, except the uncle, to keep from laughing quite took away the appetites for the first course.

### Indifferent Points of View.

In one corner of the ball-room Mr. Donaloke, to Mme. Nouveaux—Yes, a young man yet. Only 42. In another corner of the same Young Dickson, to his chum—There's that giddy old guy, Donaloke. Why can't he stay home and leave the dancing to the young men?—Chicago Record.